

For examination purposes, as in the parent case, Applicants also refer the Examiner to a schematic of Structure 36, attached hereto, depicting its components. Structure 36 includes a modified peptide sequence. On the C-terminal side of the modified peptide (i.e., the right-hand side of Structure 36), the modified peptide is conjugated to one linker-subunit moiety, thereby

forming an amide linkage on the C-terminus of the modified peptide. In turn, the remaining amino moiety of the elected linker-subunit (i.e., the amino moiety in the para position) is conjugated to a linker moiety, also via an amide bond. Next, the linker moiety is conjugated via two amide bonds to two metal chelate complexes. The N-terminus of the modified peptide is not conjugated to a linker-subunit. The N-terminus of the modified peptide forms an amide bond with the same linker moiety as shown on the C-terminal side, which in turn is conjugated via two amide bonds to two of the same metal chelate complexes.

Applicants ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendments to the claims. If necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if such would expedite prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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